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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Kaname SUWA, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	)	
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Filed: March 18, 2004	)	
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For: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT STORING	)	March 18, 2004
CASE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE	:	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

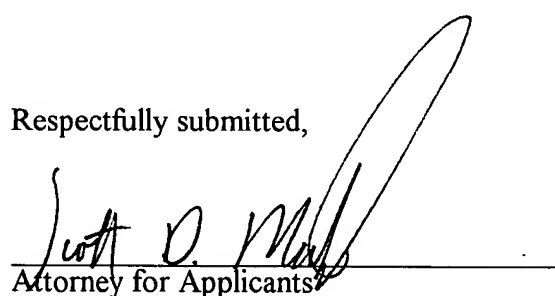
For the Examiner's information, JP 11-8010 and JP 2001-291382 are discussed in the Background of the Invention section of the specification.

JP 1-91579 relates to a shutter mechanism that receives a memory card. The shutter mechanism protects a connector and opens in the opposite direction of the inserting direction of the memory card.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,109,940	8/29/2000	Chad, et al.	439	141	
		2003/0073350	4/17/2003	Shimada	439	630	
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2001-291382	10/19/2001	Japan			Abst.
		11-8010	1/12/1999	Japan			Abst.
		1-91579	6/15/1989	Japan			No
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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